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SUBJECT: ERDA/BMFT JOINT LMFBR COMMITTEE MEETING JUNE 2-3,  
1977

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1. ERDA NOTES WITH CONCERN STATEMENT BY DR. DAEUNERT  
REPORTED REFTEL THAT HE TRYING TO HAVE FRENCH OBSERVER  
ATTEND US-GERMAN DISCUSSIONS TO AVOID UNNECESSARY COMPLI-  
CATIONS IN FRENCH-AMERICAN-GERMAN UNDERSTANDING. PRE-  
SUMABLY THESE DISCUSSIONS REFER TO ERDA/BMFT JOINT LMFBR  
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COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 2-3 IN BONN.

2. EMBASSY MAY RECALL THAT ERDA ATTEMPTED TO CONCLUDE  
LMFBR TECHNICAL EXCHANGE AGREEMENT OF BROAD SCOPE WITH  
FRENCH CEA BEGINNING APRIL 1975. THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN  
OF NATURE SIMILAR TO LMFBR AGREEMENTS CONCLUDED BETWEEN  
ERDA AND GERMAN BMFT JUNE 8, 1976 AND BRITISH UKAEA

SEPTEMBER 20, 1976. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF FRENCH VIEW  
THAT MUCH OF THEIR LMFBR TECHNOLOGY WAS OF COMMERCIAL  
VALUE AND CONSEQUENT FRENCH RELUCTANCE TO ENTER INTO

MEANINGFUL EXCHANGE WITH ERDA ABSENT PRIOR FRENCH  
COMMERCIAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH US INDUSTRY, NEGOTIATION  
OF PROPOSED BROAD SCOPE ERDA/CEA AGREEMENT WAS TERMI-  
NATED NOVEMBER 1976. AT ONE POINT DURING PROTRACTED  
ERDA/CEA NEGOTIATIONS, ERDA OFFERED TO ENTER INTO  
PARALLEL AGREEMENTS IN FIELDS OF HIGH TEMPERATURE GAS  
COOLED REACTORS AND RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT IN  
EFFORT TO OFFSET ANY POSSIBLE IMBALANCE IN LMFBR FIELD.  
HOWEVER, THE FRENCH REMAINED RELUCTANT TO CONCLUDE  
AGREEMENTS IN ANY OF THE THREE FIELDS--LMFBR, HTGR, OR  
WASTE MANAGEMENT--ABSENT PRIOR COMMERCIAL ARRANGEMENTS.  
FINALLY, ERDA AND CEA ON JANUARY 18, 1977, CONCLUDED  
LMFBR AGREEMENT WITH TECHNICAL SCOPE LIMITED TO AREAS  
OF REACTOR PHYSICS AND SAFETY.

3. IN VIEW OF PAST FRENCH RELUCTANCE TO ENTER INTO  
AGREEMENT WITH ERDA IN LMFBR EXCEPT FOR AREAS OF REACTOR  
PHYSICS AND SAFETY, ERDA HAS DIFFICULTY UNDERSTANDING  
POSSIBLE ROLE OF PROPOSED FRENCH OBSERVER AT MEETING  
CALLED TO DISCUSS BROAD SCOPE ERDA/BMFT LMFBR AGREEMENT.

4. REGARDING DR. DAEUNERT'S SUGGESTION RE VISIT TO  
KALKAR, ERDA DELEGATION REGrets IT NOT PREPARED TO  
EXTEND STAY IN FRG BY ONE DAY.

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5. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO INFORM DR. DAEUNERT THAT ERDA  
PLANS TO TAKE UP THE TOPIC OF HOW OUR BREEDER COOPERATION  
CAN ENHANCE NON-PROLIFERATION OBJECTIVES. VANCE

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